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SUBJECT: CODEL EILBERG - EE BRIEFING

1. EUR/EE REPS MET AUGUST 4 WITH CHAIRMAN EILBERG AND SOME OTHER CODEL MEMBERS AND STAFF FOR INITIAL BRIEFING. SPECIFIC PROGRAM IN YUGOSLAVIA WAS DISCUSSED AND APPROVED, AND CODEL ADVANCED CERTAIN SPECIAL INTERESTS WHICH SHOULD BE FACTORED INTO PLANS FOR ALL EE STOPS.

2. GENERAL STRUCTURE OF VISITS: CODEL HOPES THAT THE PROGRAMS ARRANGED AT EACH STOP WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY UNSTRUCTURED TO PERMIT CODEL MEMBERS TIME TO EXPLORE
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INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS AND TO FORM IMPRESSIONS OF CITIES, THEIR CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL LIFE AND PEOPLE, INDEPENDENT OF ANY PROGRAM ARRANGED BY HOST COUNTRY.

3. PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACT: CHAIRMAN EILBERG EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING DISSIDENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS EXPLAINED TO CODEL THAT EFFORTS TO MEET

WITH DISSIDENTS MIGHT WELL HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT CONTACTS WITH DISSIDENTS BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS COULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE

DISSIDENTS THEMSELVES. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION SUGGESTED THAT MEETINGS WITH BROAD SPECTRUM OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL PERSONS --CULTURAL, INTELLECTUAL, RELIGIOUS AND MEDIA FIGURES-- WOULD PROVIDE THE KIND OF BALANCE TO OFFICIAL MEETINGS THAT CODEL SEEKS TO MAKE REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF EACH COUNTRY. CHAIRMAN EILBERG MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF DESIRE TO MEET CHIEF RABBI OF ROMANIA AND OTHER JEWISH LEADERS. (HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN INFORMED OF MEETING BUCHAREST HAS ARRANGED WITH RABBI ROSEN; BUCHAREST 4801) CODEL MEMBERS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING RELIGIOUS SERVICES WHERE SCHEDULE PERMITS, INCLUDING HIGH MASS AT BUDAPEST CORONATION CHURCH. MR. AND MRS. EILBERG WOULD LIKE TO VISIT JEWISH CEMETERY AND MUSEUM IN PRAGUE. WE SUGGEST POSTS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF RECEPTION OR INFORMAL GATHERING WITH REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL FIGURES AND/OR INFORMAL SESSION WITH LOCAL MEDIA PERSONALITIES.

4. SPECIAL INTERESTS: REP. RUSSO WISHES TO MEET HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS DEALING WITH TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY, SATELLITE AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS ATTENDANCE NEXT YEAR AT INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE. WE NOTE THAT LJUBOMIR DULOVIC, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION OF YUGOSLAVIA PLANS TO VISIT US IN SEPTEMBER AND BELIEVE MEETING WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. REP. HYDE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN TWO DIVIDED FAMILY CASES IN PRAGUE, WHICH WILL BE DESCRIBED IN SEPTTEL.

5. FOR BELGRADE: MRS. EILBERG MENTIONED INTEREST IN MEETING THE NAIVE PAINTER OLUCAN WHOM SHE HAS HEARD IS LIVING IN BELGRADE OR DUBROVINK.

6. VISAS: YUGOSLAV, CZECHOSLOVAK, ROMANIAN AND HUNGARIAN EMBASSIES HAS ISSUED OR HAVE AUTHORITY AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ISSUING VISAS FOR CODEL.

7. EE REPS DISCUSSED STATUS OF ARTUKOVIC AND TRIEFA CASE WITH CODEL.

8. FOR BUCHAREST: SCHMIDT MENTIONED TO EILBERG OUR PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE TRADE ACT TO ASSIST CERTAIN NON-PREFERENCE APPLICANTS THAT WE WERE WORKING ON THE IDEA

IN THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT EMBASSY BUCHAREST WOULD WISH
TO DISCUSS IT WITH CODEL. EILBERG AGREED THAT VISIT
WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO EXPLORE IT FURTHER. CHRISTOPHER

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